UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 15, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Lenihan
1 - Mr. Walters

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

Attached is a letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by I. Irving Davidson, a public relations agent located in Washington, D. C., who frankly admitted his relationship with James R. Hoffa and his sympathies for Hoffa in relation to Hoffa's attempts to appeal his conviction in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Davidson stated he learned through affiliations with the Teamsters Union Headquarters in Washington, D. C., that Edward G. Partin will be subpoenaed by a grand jury in New Orleans in the near future in connection with his possible involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy. Davidson alleged he heard there is a photograph available of Partin in the presence of Jack Ruby, but he could not furnish any additional details regarding the photograph or his source for this information.

Edward Grady Partin is a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Teamster official, who was used by the Department of Justice as a key witness in the trial of Hoffa and three others, which resulted in their conviction on 3/4/64 for obstruction of justice in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bureau files contain numerous references concerning Partin, and he has been the subject of several investigations. In July, 1962, he furnished information Hoffa asked him if he knew about plastic bombs and indicated the Attorney General (AG) was becoming annoying and should be done away with. At the request of the AG, we interviewed Partin on two occasions with the aid of a polygraph, the first test being inconclusive and the second indicating that Partin was truthful. Partin, by his own admission is a habitual liar. He has an extensive arrest record and has been charged in the past with forgery, aggravated kidnaping, and assault and battery, among others. Our files show that he is an unscrupulous individual.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT J.F.K.

The only reference concerning Partin appearing in either the assassination file or the file of Lee Harvey Oswald, concerns an allegation made by one William H. Cooper of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during October of 1966, that four individuals and Edward G. Partin were involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. When Cooper was interviewed regarding his allegations, he stated he did not have any specific basis for the allegations he made regarding this matter. He specifically stated it was "his opinion or he felt" the allegations were true based on his "research" into the assassination of President Kennedy. It is noted that he submitted several newspaper articles and typewritten notes he prepared regarding this matter which were nonsensical. This information was disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department (105-82555, 5510, 5498).

ACTION:

Copies of the letterhead memorandum attached are being forwarded to the Department and U. S. Secret Service.